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Testimony in favor of S.B 4 AAC the Connecticut Clean Air Act

And in favor of H.B 5039 AAC Medium and Heavy Duty Truck Standards

I am writing in favor of these bills to reduce transportation emissions because of the severe health impacts, climate impacts, and broader quality of life and economic impacts that result from fossil-fueled vehicles.

It should be plain to everyone by now that we need to transition as a society to zero emission modes of transportation, including more “active transportation” utilizing bicycles and e-bikes.

In calculating the costs of such a transition, we need to include the “true costs” of using fossil fuels, especially in terms of health impacts and climate disruption. Until now, these “externalized costs” have been ignored in the cost-benefit calculations, and our society and the environment are suffering severe consequences.

Thank you very much for your consideration of these important bills.

Respectfully submitted,

John C. Hall, Executive Director

Our mission: to foster sustainable relationships among people, other creatures, energy resources, and the environment and to promote interdisciplinary community partnerships in scientific, artistic, and other cultural endeavors.